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SUBJECT: NUNN AMENDMENT AND OCTOBER 10 NPG PERMREPS MEETING

REF: A. USNATO 5244  
B. USNATO 5263  
C. USNATO 5278  
D. USNATO 5313

1. ALLIANCE INTEREST IN US STUDIES REQUIRED BY SECTION 302  
(D) OF THE 1975 MILITARY PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT (NUNN  
AMENDMENT) MAKES CLEAR THAT ALLIES WILL FOCUS CONTINUING ATTENTION  
ON US PLANS TO CONSULT ON THIS SUBJECT (SEE REFS A, B,C, AND  
SYG LUNS' PO ON NPG FUTURE WORK (09/74/130), TRANSMITTED SEPTEL).  
WE BELIEVE US MUST GIVE CAREFUL THOUGHT TO CONSULTATIVE PROCESS  
WE SHOULD UNDERTAKE WITH ALLIES, ESPECIALLY STEPS WE CAN  
TAKE PRIOR TO JELLING OF THE US STUDIES DUE CONGRESS ON APRIL  
1, 1975. WE RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON DEVELOP AN ACTION PROGRAM  
TO MEET THIS NEED, AND WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK  
CLOSELY WITH WASHINGTON IN ITS PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.  
FOR OUR PART, WE FAVOR USING NPG STRUCTURE AS FORUM FOR CONSULTATION  
ACTIVITIES.

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2. IN NEAR TERM, ALLIES ARE CERTAIN TO RAISE SUBJECT OF NUNN  
AMENDMENT STUDIES AND RELATED CONSULTATIONS AT THE OCTOBER 10  
NPG PERMREPS MEETING. WE NEED WASHINGTON GUIDANCE THAT WOULD  
ALLOW US REP TO RESPOND IN POSITIVE VIEW ON THIS SUBJECT, AND

IN PARTICULAR TO SAY THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WILL DISCUSS STATUS OF THE US STUDIES AT THE ROME NPG MEETING.

3. NPG PERMREPS ALSO WILL INQUIRE ABOUT US PLANS FOR PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM 1 OF THE ROME NPG MEETING ON THE STRATEGIC BALANCE (REF D). IN THE PAST, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS USED AGENDA ITEM 1 AS CATCH-ALL TO DISCUSS VARIOUS SUBJECTS OF INTEREST IN THE NPG, AND IT COULD WELL ENCOMPASS DISCUSSION OF NUNN AMENDMENT AND ANY RELATED COMMENTS ON THEATER NUCLEAR FORCE POSTURE AND POLICY. IN ADDITION TO BEING ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL GIVE TRADITIONAL US BRIEFING UNDER AGENDA ITEM 1, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR US REP TO BE ABLE TO PREVIEW FOR NPG PERMREPS SUBJECTS THE SECRETARY WILL ADDRESS IN HIS BRIEFING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE FOR DISCUSSION OF ABOVE SUBJECTS AT OCTOBER 10 PERMREPS MEETING, AND WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON EARLY AND ONGOING HANDLING OF NUNN AMENDMENT IN NATO.  
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